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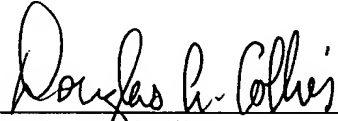
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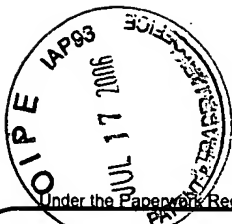
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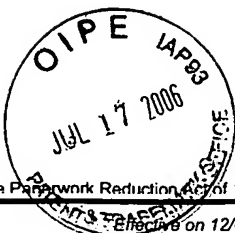
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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	0.00
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

**Fee (\$)****Small Entity Fee (\$)**

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Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

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Multiple dependent claims

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**Total Claims** **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**

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